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**BARCIA AMVETS HIGHWAY BILL READY FOR GOVERNOR'S
SIGNATURE**

(LANSING) A portion of M-46 from M-24 in Tuscola County to M-53 in Sanilac County will soon be known as the "AMVETS Memorial Scenic Drive" after a bill sponsored by Senator Barcia (D-Bay City) unanimously passed both the House and the Senate. SB 564 now awaits the approval of Governor Jennifer Granholm, who intends to sign the bill in a special ceremony on September 29, 2005 with representatives of AMVETS Post 1072 in attendance.

Senator Barcia lauded the Kingston AMVETS Post 1072 for their interest in doing something to honor our veterans. "The AMVETS at the Kingston post wanted to do this for not only the local veterans; but for all the men and women who have contributed to our freedom", said Barcia. "Their organization is doing great work and continues to provide much needed assistance to our veterans. I am proud to represent this organization and greatly appreciate the opportunity to sponsor this bill".

AMVETS is a service organization that provides support for veterans in the form of free counseling, claims assistance, and legislative advocacy, and sponsors various programs to benefit local communities. Currently, portions of highways in Kalamazoo County and near Escanaba are named in honor of AMVETS, and I-96 from Wayne County to Muskegon County is named the "AMVETS Memorial Highway".

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